

JAP CLASH CLAIMED TO BE INEVITABLE

BISHOP HOSS, JUST HOME FROM ORIENTAL TOUR, MAKES STATEMENT.

DEFENDS PRESIDENT WILSON

Doubtful of Wisdom of Giving Filipinos Freedom—Would Become Easy Prey for Enterprising and Unscrupulous Japs.

St. Louis, Mo.—Bishop E. E. Hoss of the Southern Methodist church, who last month completed a tour of 47,500 miles through Oriental lands, has been a recent guest of a well known St. Louis lady.

The bishop left Kansas City, Mo., June 28 last, visited the Hawaiian Islands, Samoa, Australia, the Philippines, Korea, China and Japan, and returned to San Francisco Jan. 4. He went as fraternal messenger of the Southern Methodist church.

The bishop told how he defended President Woodrow Wilson in public addresses in Australia.

Silenced Critics of Wilson.

"When I reached Sidney," the bishop said, "I saw a cartoon in criticism of President Wilson, who the Australians thought should have entered the war with the allies. That night, speaking to a large audience, I told the Australians they need not fear our president, that he had a square Presbyterian jaw and he would keep out of the war as long as he honorably could, but would enter it when honor and duty called. I made 30 speeches in Australia during the month I was there, and the Australian temper cooled perceptibly.

"The Australians are more English than the English themselves. Their army quota is 240,000, or whom 140,000 are actually at the front."

Expects War With Japan.

Bishop Hoss said that while the Japanese are friendly, he felt a clash between Japan and America is inevitable.

"The Japanese are rapidly becoming a manufacturing nation," he said. "They are building a big merchant marine. They are determined to dominate the Pacific ocean trade. They have a standing army of 400,000 soldiers, with another 400,000 in reserve and every man knows where his locker is and what to get."

"The Japanese could take the Philippines in a week if they wished. It is remarkable that 60,000,000 Japanese hold 400,000,000 Chinese at their mercy. This is a good illustration of what preparedness means for Japan."

"The Japanese will never turn Korea loose unless they have to. Russia may take Korea away from Japan, but that is remote. The Koreans are quiescent under Japanese control."

On the question of the independence of the Philippines, Bishop Hoss said: "I am doubtful of independence in the Philippines. Turning our wards loose to shift for themselves would make them an easy prey to Japan, and in my judgment, Japan would seize the islands."

SECRET WIRELESS STATIONS

Department of Justice Agents Discover Foreign Countries Can Communicate With Home Folks.

Washington, D. C.—Secret foreign wireless stations have been discovered on the California coast by agents of the department of justice and of the navy department.

Investigations of the government agents uncovered evidence indicating that a string of hidden stations operated for unneutral purposes in the interests of belligerent nations, extend practically the length of the California coast. The stations are chiefly receiving stations, but a few sending stations are understood to have been discovered.

The discoveries made so far have led officials to believe that the system of hidden wireless stations is much more extensive than at first thought and that it possibly may extend about the entire country.

Penitentiary Slayer to Hang.

Joliet, Ill.—Jasper Perry, a convict in the Illinois state penitentiary, was convicted of the murder of James Howard, a fellow-convict, on Dec. 20 last, and was sentenced to be hanged.

Roosevelt Returning.

Barbados, B. W. L.—Col. Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt arrived here and proceeded to Demerara, British Guiana. They will go from Demerara to Trinidad, where they will take a steamer direct to New York.

Liner in Collision Off Hatteras.

Norfolk, Va.—All passengers aboard the Merchants' and Miners' liner, Cretan, which was damaged in a collision with a schooner 14 miles from Cape Hatteras, were safely transferred to the steamer Dorothy.

Aliens on Panama Trains Opposed.

Washington, D. C.—Protests against the use of soldiers and aliens in the engine and train service on the government railroad at Panama was presented to President Wilson by union labor leaders.

Derby Accepts Air Defense Post.

London.—Lord Derby's acceptance of the chairmanship of a joint naval and military board to control the British air service was announced in the house of commons by Premier Asquith.

Friction of Mole Caused Death.

Wichita, Kan.—Joe C. Hatfield, 29 years old, a banker of Cunningham, Kan., died at a hospital here as the result of a growth on his back, caused by splinters rubbing a mole. Two operations were unavailing.

RIFLE CLUB OF HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS



Miss Roberta Wallace is here seen giving instructions to the members of the rifle club recently organized by the girls of the Western high school in the city of Washington.

BRANDEIS IN PINCHOT CASE

GAVE ADVICE BUT DID NOT APPEAR ON RECORD.

Collier's Magazine Paid Him \$25,000 But He Represented L. R. Glavis in Proceedings.

Washington, D. C.—Mark Sullivan, editor of Collier's Weekly, testified before the senate committee investigating the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for associate justice of the supreme court that Collier's paid the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation in 1909. In addition he got \$2,636 for reimbursements.

Senator Works pointed out that Brandeis appeared on the record as attorney for L. R. Glavis, who had made charges against former Secretary Ballinger. Sullivan produced the checks by which Brandeis was paid.

Charles E. Kelley, counsel for Collier's, testified he had advised Collier's to employ Brandeis in the Ballinger-Pinchot affair and that during the hearing he was continually in conference with Brandeis "on the side."

On cross-examination, Kelley said that as between Brandeis and himself, he understood Brandeis intended that it not be known he appeared for Collier's. Brandeis, he thought, decided on that course as a matter of "policy."

Whether Brandeis or Kelley should appear in the record as attorney for Glavis had not been considered "for a moment," the witness said.

Judge Kelley of the New York supreme court was called to testify as to the charge that Brandeis was an attorney in a campaign to wreck the New York & New England railroad in 1892, so it might be absorbed by the New Haven.

"Mr. Brandeis was not employed to wreck the road," said Judge Kelley. "It already was wrecked."

SENATE CONFIRMS FLETCHER

Vote on Approval of His Nomination as Ambassador by the President Is 49 to 16.

Washington, D. C.—The senate confirmed the nomination of Henry Prather Fletcher as ambassador to the government of Mexico. The vote was 49 to 16.

Fletcher is now minister to Chile, and several months will elapse before he can take up his new duties. James Linn Rodgers, consul-general at Havana, was appointed several days ago to act in the meantime as special agent of the state department, representing the United States before the Carranza government, succeeding J. R. Silliman.

300 Gallons of Whisky Seized.

Charleston, W. Va.—Prohibition officers confiscated more than 300 gallons of whisky which was being shipped through here from a point in Kentucky to Boomer, W. Va.

Gets \$15,000 for Auto Injury.

Minneapolis, Minn.—A jury returned a verdict of \$15,000 for Miss Edith Sage, injured when her automobile collided with one belonging to Fred T. Yates.

Hocking Case Transferred.

Hallifax, N. S.—Under a ruling handed down in the admiralty court, the case of the prize steamer Hocking is transferred to England for trial. The Hocking was seized with her cargo of coal between New York and South America.

Protests: Stecher Throws Him Again.

Battle Creek, Mich.—When Paul Marlinson protested that his shoulders did not touch the mat as allowed by the referee, Joe Stecher, the Nebraska boy, promptly threw him again.

Boat of Warship Drifts.

Copenhagen.—The Kiel Zeitsung says a sensation has been caused by the stranding at Schobucl in Frisland, Holland, of a small dandy belonging to the German cruiser Naumburg, which was sunk in the battle with the British fleet off the Falkland Islands, Dec. 8, 1914.

Cardinal Mercier Returning Home.

Rome.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, has left for home by way of Switzerland. He was received in a farewell audience by Pope Benedict.

DURAZZO SIEGE IS BEGUN

AUSTRIANS BELEAGUER CAPITAL OF ALBANIA.

Italian Troops Said to Have Been Defeated in Engagement Near the City.

Vienna, Austria.—Durazzo, capital of Albania, is now under siege by Austro-Hungarian troops, it was announced by the Austrian war office.

Italian troops in Albania have been defeated by the Austro-Hungarians.

Following is the official report of the war office:

"Balkan front.—In Albania we defeated the Italians and troops of Esad Pasha near Durazzo and took possession of the last of the enemy's position east of Bazar Syak. An Italian brigade was driven from its main position east of Bazar Syak at the same time. Intrusions of the enemy at Sassobianco, southeast of Durazzo, were repulsed. The enemy is retreating more to the inner line of defenses, pursued by our troops."

USE SHIPS FOR TRANSPORTS

Portugal Refits German Vessels and Will Engage in Commerce—Eight More Seized.

Lisbon.—The Official Gazette publishes two decrees regarding the 36 German and Austrian merchant vessels seized and placed under the Portuguese flag. The first indicates the work of refitting to be performed in order to adapt these vessels for the transport and other purposes for which they have been requisitioned as it is distinctly given to be understood that they have not been confiscated.

The second decree appoints a committee to supervise the execution of the work indicated.

Portuguese newspapers say that in other parts of the republic there are 60 German and Austrian vessels which it is understood are also to be requisitioned by the government.

BIG GERMAN BANK ASSIGNS

Located at Essen and Many of Krupp Workers Are Believed to Have Lost Savings.

London.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Zurich says:

"The failure of an important bank at Essen, Germany, is announced. It is believed that many of the men in the Krupp works have lost their savings."

Mate and Seaman Drowned.

Chicago, Ill.—Two men were drowned at the naval training station at Lake Bluff, when heavy seas dashed a boat against the breakwater. The dead: Robert M. Walters of Philadelphia, chief gunner's mate, and Bradford Hixy, Muskegon, Ok., apprentice seaman.

Seizure of Germans Protested.

Washington, D. C.—The state department protested to Great Britain against the removal of 33 passengers from the American steamer China of the China Mail Steamship Line, by a British cruiser.

Raw Rubber in Seized Mails.

London.—From the first class mail on the Dutch steamship Hollandia, detained at Falmouth recently, while on a voyage from Buenos Aires to Amsterdam, 1,265 parcels of raw rubber were taken.

Mayor Leads Water Wagon.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Mayor Smith put the more than 10,000 employees of the city of Philadelphia on the "water wagon." The mayor's statement admitted no equivocation. No city employee is allowed to use liquor.

Captain Ends Life at Sea.

Charleston, S. C.—Capt. A. Helmer Hansen of the Norwegian steamer Norge shot and killed himself at sea Feb. 21. The Norwegian brought the body here. Capt. Hansen was a native of Christiania.

BRITISH STEAMER IS SUNK BY MINE

ESTIMATED DEATHS REACH 147, MOST OF WHOM WERE INDIANS.

IN SIGHT OF PORT OF DOVER

S. S. Maloja, P. & O. Mail Vessel Destroyed Within Sight of Land—Rescuing Vessel Also Hits Mine and Sinks.

Dover.—The steamship Maloja, a 12,431-ton vessel belonging to the Peninsular and Oriental line, struck a mine and sank within a half hour two miles off Dover.

The Times estimates the Maloja dead at 147, of whom 117 were Lascars, natives of India.

The Maloja left Tilbury for Bombay with mails, 119 passengers of all classes aboard and a crew numbering about 200, most of them Lascars. Other passengers were to join the ship at Marseilles.

The steamer had just passed Admiralty Pier at Dover, and was opposite Shakespeare Cliff, when an explosion shook her from end to end. She listed immediately to port.

All Put On Life Belts.

High seas were running, and the captain, realizing that great damage had been done to the after part of his vessel, tried to run her aground, but the engine room was swamped, and the ship became unmanageable.

The plight of the vessel was observed, and dozens of craft went to her assistance at full speed. One of them, the British tanker Empress of Port William, of 2,181 tons, struck another mine and sank near by.

Aboard the Maloja everything was done to get the passengers and crew off. All the boats already had been swung out before she struck, as a precaution against accident, and all those aboard had sufficient time to put on life belts.

Boat after boat and a number of persons leaped into the water, and were picked up by the surrounding craft. It was at first thought that all had been saved, but later many bodies were washed ashore.

BRIDE SAYS SHE SLEW TEXAN

Youthful Wife of Senator Culberson's Relative Says She Shot Fort Worth Hotel Man.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Mrs. Katherine Vance Harrison, 19-year-old wife of Charles Harrison, nephew of Mrs. Charles Culberson, wife of the senior United States senator of Texas, was released with her husband, after they had given \$2,500 bail each to answer charges of murder filed against them.

The police said Mrs. Harrison confessed she shot and killed W. R. Warren, a hotel proprietor, and contended he had wronged her before her marriage.

Break Jail With Spoon.

Yreka, Cal.—George Walton and "Doc" Riley, prisoners in the county jail, were put in irons by Sheriff Howard, following the discovery of an attempt by them to escape by digging a hole through a brick wall of the structure with a small spoon and a pen knife.

Antiwar Woman Sentenced.

London.—Mrs. Nellie Best, secretary of the Women's Anticonscription League, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for circulating literature urging men not to enlist.

Peace Society Secretary Named.

Chicago.—The selection of Harold G. Townsend, a Chicago lawyer, as secretary of the Chicago Peace Society to succeed Louis P. Lochner, resigned, was announced here.

50 Carloads of Salmon.

Seattle, Wash.—A solid train of 50 carloads of Puget Sound and Alaska salmon, with banners on the sides, has departed for New York over the Union Pacific system.

Sentenced to 99 Years.

Danville, Ill.—"Big John" Murphy and Milton Armstrong, negroes, were found guilty of murder and sentenced to the penitentiary for 99 years each. The jury was out 72 hours.

Was Idle 20 Years.

Chicago.—According to testimony in court here, Charles H. McCormick lived through 20 years of married life without performing any labor. Mrs. McCormick was given a divorce.

Admits He Is Lyman.

Tampa, Fla.—J. Grant Lyman, under federal indictment in New York on charges of using the mails to defraud, admitted his identity when taken before a United States commissioner for examination.

Pennsylvania Trials Delayed.

Portland, Me.—The superdreadnaught Pennsylvania remained at anchor here on account of a dense fog, which prevented a run outside the bay for the completion of her standardization trials.

Wilson Filed in South Dakota.

Pierre, S. D.—The first filings under South Dakota's new primary law were made when the names of Woodrow Wilson and Thomas E. Marshall were filed. May 22 is the primary date.

Pana, Ill., Pastor Resigns.

Pana, Ill.—Rev. O. R. Nelson resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church and this week will return to Vandalia, Ill., to reside. He came here from Vandalia last December and found conditions unsatisfactory.

YEARLY BALANCE OF GORDON'S BOOKS

STATE AUDITOR FILES REPORT WITH GOVERNOR FOR LAST YEAR.

OUTGO IS MORE THAN INCOME

Recapitulation Shows State Debt Was Over \$7,000,000 on January 1—Deficit Is Slowly but Surely Gaining.

Jefferson City.

State Auditor John P. Gordon has submitted to Governor Major his annual report, showing receipts and disbursements of the state's moneys for the year 1915.

The report shows that Dec. 31, 1914, there was a general balance in the treasury of \$4,942,010.04; the total receipts during 1915 were \$8,761,105.51; the total disbursements were \$9,719,943.05, leaving the general balance on Dec. 31, 1915, \$3,983,117.50.

The total receipts into the general revenue fund for 1915 were \$5,218,339.21.

A recapitulation shows the state debt on Jan. 1, 1916 was \$7,322,839.42, divided as follows:

Outstanding capital building bonds, \$2,934,000.

Total semiannual fund certificates, \$1,239,839.42.

Total school fund certificates, \$3,150,000.

The expected deficit is bound to materialize when the disbursements exceed the income.

Lumber Companies Won't Pay Fines.

Upon the request of Assistant Attorney General Ewing, Jacob D. Allen, clerk of the Missouri supreme court, has issued executions for the collection of \$130,000 in fines from delinquent lumber companies which were penalized in the state's ouster proceedings.

The executions were placed in the hands of Marshal Schult. When he received the executions directing him to levy upon the property of the delinquent companies he went to Ewing and inquired where the property of the companies might be located.

Ewing told him that was for him to find out. Schult went to St. Louis and looked around but was unable to find any property owned by any of the nine delinquents. He will take up the matter with the assessor there in the next few weeks.

Some of the companies have gone out of business since the fines were imposed and some have moved to other states.

Kansas City Outranks St. Louis.

The report of James T. Bradshaw, state warehouse inspector, to Governor Major reveals that Kansas City greatly outranked St. Louis as a market for grain in 1915.

During the year there was inspected out of public and private elevators in St. Louis 12,012 cars of grain; in Kansas City, 21,836.

The amount of grain weighed into the St. Louis public elevators was 11,298 cars; in Kansas City, 19,941.

The number of cars inspected in St. Louis yards was 31,116; in Kansas City, 41,042. In addition, 11,512 foreign cars were inspected in Kansas City.

The figures have caused much dispute in St. Louis, as many claim the grain handled on the east side should be counted as St. Louis business.

Firemen Flood State Offices.

The state fire inspection department was flooded with water recently by firemen fighting a blaze in an adjoining building. The fire did not get into the state offices, but the place was rendered untenable for a day or two.

Boone County Audit.

Auditor Gordon has filed with the county clerk of Boone County a report showing that present and past officers of the county are indebted to it in the sum of \$3,471.85 for fees retained by them and for amounts they have not turned over to the county as required.

Held for Trial.

H. L. Courtwright, a convict who killed another with a hammer recently, has been held to await trial on a charge of murder.

Postmaster Held.

John Cramer, postmaster at Sandy Hook, near here, was held under bond of \$1,500 by Commissioner H. C. Gelsberg on the charge that he is short in his accounts with the government to the extent of \$1,065.

New Head Takes Charge.

Dr. W. L. Whittington, the new superintendent of State Hospital for Insane No. 2, has taken up his residence at the institution and is managing affairs as best he can without access to the superintendent's office or records. Dr. F. G. Thompson, who was deposed by the board of managers, has refused to give up the keys.

Dr. Thompson may take his case to the courts. The change in regime resulted in resignations of several employees and two staff physicians, Dr. A. T. Fisher and Dr. R. O. Luetallen.

Bretz Eligibility Questioned.

An echo of the row in the board of managers of the state hospital at St. Joseph has reached the capital, as Prosecuting Attorney Oscar D. McDaniel of Buchanan county has applied to Attorney General Barker for an opinion as to whether Jacob L. Bretz, member of the legislature from St. Joseph, is eligible to hold the position of steward at the hospital.

In reply the Attorney General said that as the law is silent as to the duties of the steward he is unable to advise.

Ask Stephens' Removal.

"Resolutions demanding that B. W. Stephens, owner of the Stephens Publishing Co., at Columbia, Mo., either be forced to arbitrate the differences which exist between his company and Typographical Union No. 169, or be forced to resign as a member of the Capital Commission, and that a contract awarded him by the state printing commission for printing the supreme court reports be abrogated, have been passed by the union at Columbia.

The resolutions set forth that the business men of Columbia have requested Stephens to arbitrate the difficulty, but that he has consistently refused to do so.

They also point out that as a member of the Capital Commission, supervising the building of the new state-house at Jefferson City, Mr. Stephens will have much to do with union labor.

Governor Major is asked to remove Stephens from the commission in the event he persistently refuses to arbitrate the grievances of the men.

The resolutions say that one reason why Stephens was awarded the contract for the supreme court reports was because he had such a competent corps of assistants, and if the men are forced to leave his employment because he will not arbitrate a difference, that argument will fall to the ground as his place will be filled with incompetent and unskilled workers.

Militia Best Defense Plan.

Adj. Gen. John B. O'Meara was asked what effect the passage of the National Guard Pay bill, now pending in Congress, would have on military affairs of the state and nation.

He replied the Military Council of the state for the last four years had been working industriously on the bill and he had presented its views fully and carefully before the upper and lower houses of congress. The council has been in close touch with the National Guard Association and the Adjutants General Association, composed of representatives of every state in the Union, he said, and has worked harmoniously in crystallizing their idea in the bill now before congress.

All national guardsmen earnestly hope for the passage of the bill, he said, for they all believe that it will be the solution of the defense plan, so far as the land forces of the country are concerned.

The Military Council of this state is composed of Brig. Gen. Harvey C. Claik, commanding general, Nevada, Mo.; Col. James H. McCord, chief of staff; Col. Arthur B. Donnelly, commanding first regiment, St. Louis; Col. Wm. A. Raupp, second regiment, Pierce City; Col. Fred A. Lamb, third regiment, Kansas City; Col. Jno. L. McNeely, fourth regiment, St. Joseph, and Maj. Edwin M. Stanton, first battalion, field artillery, Independence, Mo., and John B. O'Meara, adjutant general.

Personal Creditors Lose.

The supreme court in banc has decided that the referee in bankruptcy for D. H. Sage of Alexandria, Mo., cannot appropriate the \$70,000 assets of a private bank owned by Sage to pay his personal creditors, but that the resources of the bank must first be used to satisfy the depositors and other creditors of the bank.

The bank's indebtedness to depositors amounts to \$59,517.

The circuit court held that the bank's assets belonged to Sage and should be turned over to the trustee in bankruptcy to be distributed between all the creditors. The higher court has reversed the ruling.

Governor Denies Bad Faith.

Having been advised that H. B. Kelly of the bond firm of Kelly & Kelly is flooding the state with circulars charging him with bad faith in the sale of the state capital bonds, Governor Major has issued a lengthy statement in which he declares that there was no obligation, either moral or legal, upon the part of the state to pay this bond firm one single penny.

He asserts they had rendered no service whatsoever in the sale of the capital bonds, and for that reason he vetoed an appropriation of \$16,000 made for them by the last legislature. He said he hoped no future assembly would ever give them a cent.

Rate Withdrawal Probable.

It is believed here that notification will be received by the state public service commission from all trunk line railroads withdrawing the schedules filed under the advance in rates recently authorized by that body.

A curious situation exists, since the commission is without power to stay the application of the schedules, although Judge Slate held that it had no power to authorize them, and the only way in which the rates can be held up, pending the litigation, is for the railroads to withdraw them. An agreement to this effect was reached a few days ago by the commission and the roads.

Gardner May Run.

At the recent meeting of Democratic editors in St. Louis there were many who were particularly active in urging Col. Fred D. Gardner to change his mind about not running for governor. Some there who claim to know that Col. Gardner has decided to re-enter the race. His only reason withdrawing was the fear that his candidacy might endanger the passage of the Gardner Land Bank Act amendment. His announcement can be looked for at any time in the near future.